

"If all of us knew half of the time what some people are saying about us most of the time, we would feel chesty part of the time and meaner than the devil the rest of the time."

Now we have all heard this talk about the coal shortage, high prices, and strikes at the mines, before, but we know there is **There is Nothing in it.**

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While the railroad service for the past few months has not been what it might have been, the Star has always been in a position to look after its customers. If you are not one of our customers, **YOU OUGHT TO BE.** Not only in Coal, but also in all of the other lines carried by a first class lumber yard, the Star takes the lead.

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DROP INTO THE OFFICE

and let us get together and talk the matter over. It will be worth your while and will probably save you money, which after all, is the thing that counts. If you will notice, you will find that most of the materials for the

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Meeting With Favor

Wherever there has been an expression of opinion during the past week regarding the new fire truck for the city of Liberal the proposition has met with favor. While on the face of it the price may appear to be high, yet as compared with similar equipment put out by the automobile factories it is indeed quite reasonable.

The Packard Auto Fire Truck costs \$3,400 alone without the body, mountings or being painted. These items increase the cost to more than \$4,500. The fire truck for the city if built along the lines suggested by the Liberal Auto Supply Company will cost the city only \$1,200. With this equipment we will be able to have the same service that Guymon has at a cost of \$1,200 a year, at a cost of less than \$100 per year. This would make it appear from every standpoint that the new Auto Fire Truck should be bought by the city. All who are interested in the matter should see that they give an expression of their opinion to one or more of the councilmen, as the proposition is likely to come before the next meeting of the council.

A poor workman told his wife on awakening one morning, a curious dream he had during the night. He dreamed that he saw coming toward him in order 4 rats. The first one was very fat and was followed by two lean rats, the rear rat being blind. The man was greatly perplexed as to what evil might follow, as it had been understood that to dream of rats denoted calamity. He appealed to his wife concerning this, but she could not help him. His son, who heard his father tell the story, volunteered to be interpreter. "The fat rat," he said, "is the man in K. C. who sells you booze, the two lean rats are my mother and me, and the blind rat is yourself."—Marquette Tribune.

Broom Corn Profits

Guthrie, Okla.—Broom corn proved to be one of Oklahoma's most profitable crops this year, by reason of its resistance to drouth and the high market price on broom corn.

T. L. Finch, a farmer living near Cheyenne, earned a net profit of \$340.85 on 11 acres, a showing that could be met by many other broomcorn growers in western Oklahoma. Finch kept an accurate record of the cost of the production of his crop which amounted to a total of 80.15, divided as follows, Three and a half days' breaking, \$10.50; one day's cultivating, \$9; pulling broomcorn \$27; baling and seeding, \$13 11; helpers, 5 hours, 8.15; marketing \$15.—St. Louis Post Dispatch.

A Poor Attempt

This fake story about Judge Martin which is alleged to have been put out by the Democrats of Hutchinson reminds us of the clever yarn put out in Topeka about the time of the state fair, which said that certain parties were telling that Topeka had an epidemic of something or other. The whole thing amounts to nothing more nor less than the concoction of a newspaper which is seeking to cast a serious reflection on the Democrats of Hutchinson---that they admit there that Neeley will carry the progressive vote of Hutchinson. The actual vote cannot be determined until after the election, and until that time, these stories about the Democrats discrediting Martin will be recognized by the intelligent people of the district as mere prattle, in the absence of any logical reason why the district should elect Martin. There seems not to be a single one. The whole thing now looks like a Neeley landslide. However these petty fabrications printed to deceive the people and pull the wool over the eyes of the voters will avail the old time standpat Republicans but little. These tactics are those employed years ago when the G. O. P. machine was working like a clock, but things have changed.

An excellent opportunity to compare George Neeley and Martin will occur here during the next few days. Martin will speak here on Friday and Neeley will speak a few days later. To those who may be in doubt on the congressional situation, we suggest that they go to both meetings and size the thing up for themselves. That is one fair way to reach a definite conclusion. We predict that when George Neeley is weighed in the balance, he will not be found wanting.

Never Happened In Liberal

In the Bucklin Banner the other day, was printed the following:

The Banner has a good one on the Light company. Perhaps it should be kept a secret, but it's really too good to keep. When the new switchboard was installed our motor run backward until the wiring was changed. However, the wiring on the meter was left undisturbed. A few days ago it was noticed that the meter was running backward. Investigation disclosed the fact that the thing had unwound until the light company owed us \$2.39. Electricity is the cheapest power on earth but under present conditions in this office there is absolutely no comparison.

Before you buy your Christmas presents, go to Taylor's.

Make Ensilage Crop of "Poor Man's Alfalfa"

University of Kansas, Dec. 14— "While western Kansas farmers are waiting for Luther Burbank to evolve a spineless Russian thistle, let them make ensilage of the thistles that are growing in that part of the state now," is the advice of Prof. W. C. Stevens, botanist, of the University of Kansas.

Professor Stevens points out that the lower leaves and stalk of the thistle are succulent and free from spines. The woody thorns develop near the blossoms. He advises that the thistles be harvested before the spines have developed and then placed in silos. The fermentation process would soften the hard fibres of the plant and make it more palatable to stock.

The University will conduct experiments to determine the extent to which "poor man's alfalfa" can be increased in value by treatment in silos.

The Needle society of Christian church held their annual bazaar last Saturday and in spite of the rain, were kept busy by the eager Christmas shoppers. Every article was sold, and about \$100 is the reward of the society.

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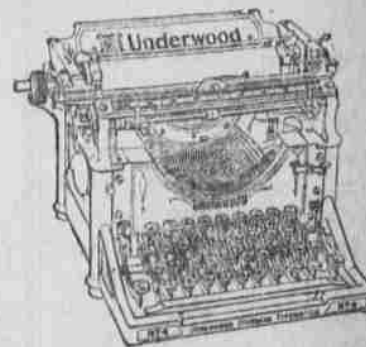
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